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PROPOSAL TO CLOSE
THE SATTLEY, CA POST OFFICE
AND EXTEND
SERVICE BY HIGHWAY CONTRACT ROUTE SERVICE

DOCKET NUMBER 1380842 - 96124

I. RESPONSIVENESS TO COMMUNITY POSTAL NEEDS

The Postal Service is proposing to close the Sattley, CA Post Office and provide delivery and retail services by highway contract route service under the administrative responsibility of the Clio Post Office, located 13 miles away.

The postmaster position became vacant when the postmaster retired on July 01, 2009. Since the postmaster vacancy an OIC has been installed to operate the office. Postmaster level and office service hours are determined by a workload analysis which includes the number of deliveries and revenue.

The office is being studied for possible closing or consolidation due to the following reasons: Decline in mail volume. We will continue to provide effective service through the Sierraville Main Post Office.

The Sattley Post Office, an EAS-11 level, provides service from 08:30 - 11:30 - 12:00 - 17:00 Monday - Friday, Closed Saturday and lobby hours of 24/7 on Monday - Friday and 24/7 on Saturday to 165 post office box or general delivery customers and 18 delivery customers. Retail services included the sale of stamps, stamped paper, and money orders; special services such as Registered Mail, Certified Mail, Insured Mail, COD Mail, and Express Mail services; and the acceptance and dispatch of all classes of mail.

The retail window averaged 26 transaction(s) accounting for 32 minute(s) of retail workload daily. With minimal workload, the Postal Service feels that effective and regular service will be provided by highway contract route service. Office receipts for the last 3 years were: \$21,187 (55 revenue units) in FY 2008; \$23,233 (61 revenue units) in FY 2009; and \$22,097 (58 revenue units) in FY 2010. There were one permit mailer(s) or postage meter customer(s).

On May 05, 2011, representatives from the Postal Service were available at the Sattely Post Office to answer questions and provide information to customers. 72 customer(s) attended the meeting.

On April 18, 2011, 183 questionnaires were distributed to delivery customers of the Sattley Post Office. Questionnaires were also available over the counter for retail customers at the Sattley Post Office. 43 questionnaires were returned. Responses regarding the proposed alternate service were as follows: 2 favorable, 25 unfavorable, and 16 expressed no opinion.

A petition supporting the retention of the Sattley Post Office was received on June 24, 2011, with 59 signatures. If this proposal is implemented, delivery and retail services will be provided by the Clio Post Office, an EAS-13 level office. Window service hours at the Clio Post Office are from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, and 9:30 am to 11:30 pm on Saturday. There are 182 post office boxes available.

The following concerns were expressed from questionnaires, the community meeting, from customer letters, on the petition, and from the congressional inquiry:

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|--------------------|---|
| 1. Concern: | Customers expressed concern over the apparent lack of interest by the Postal Service for the needs of the community. |
| Response: | The Postal Service is required to provide each community with regular and effective service, using the most cost efficient means possible. The proposed alternate delivery service will meet the mailing and service needs of the community in a more cost effective manner. |
| 2. Concern: | Customers expressed concern over the dependability of rural route service. |
| Response: | Rural letter carriers perform a vital function in the United States Postal Service serving thousands of families and businesses in rural and suburban areas while traveling millions of miles daily. Rural letter carriers are highly respected by the American public. This respect has been earned by many years of dedication to the Postal Service and to postal customers. During national and local emergencies, including prolonged periods of extreme weather conditions, rural carriers have demonstrated great responsibility in providing mail service to postal customers. Rural carriers are required to serve the route expeditiously each day. |
| 3. Concern: | Customers were concerned about having to travel to another post office for service |
| Response: | The customer expressed a concern about having to travel to another post office for service. Services provided at the post office will be available from the carrier, and customers will not have to travel to another post office for service. Most transactions do not require meeting the carrier at the mailbox. Stamps by Mail and Money Order Application forms are available for customer convenience. |
| 4. Concern: | Customers were concerned about having to travel to another Post Office for service. |

Response:

Services provided at the Post Office will be available from the carrier, and customers will not have to travel to another Post Office for service. Most transactions do not require meeting the carrier at the mailbox. Stamps by Mail and Money Order Application forms are available for customer convenience. Stamps are also available at many stores and gas stations where customers may already shop, online at usps.com, or by calling 1-800-STAMP-24.

5. **Concern:**

Customers were concerned about obtaining services from the carrier.

Response:

The rural carrier provides all the services that are available at the Post Office with the exception of PO Box service and bulk mail acceptance. This includes stamp sales, package pick up, special services and money order sales.

6. **Concern:**

Customers were concerned about senior citizens.

Response:

Carrier service is beneficial to many senior citizens and those who face special challenges because the carrier can provide delivery and retail services to roadside mailboxes or Centralized Box Units. Customers do not have to make a special trip to the Post Office for service. Special provisions are made for hardship cases or special customer needs. To request an exception for hardship delivery, customers may contact the administrative postmaster for more information.

7. **Concern:**

Customers were concerned about a change of address.

Response:

The customer expressed a concern about a change in address. Customers will be assigned a 911 address. The new address will continue to use the community name and ZIP Code. Mail will be forwarded in accordance with postal regulations, and change of address forms are available from the Postal Service to assist customers in notifying correspondents of the change.

8. **Concern:**

Customers were concerned about mail security.

Response:

The customer expressed a concern about the security of mail. Customers may place a lock on their mailboxes. The mailbox must have a slot large enough to accommodate the customer's normal daily mail volume. The Postal Service does not open mailboxes which are locked and does not accept keys for this purpose.

9. **Concern:**

Customers were concerned about the mailboxes being damaged by snowplows.

Response:

The customer expressed a concern about the mailboxes being damaged by snowplows. Please contact the administrative postmaster to determine the proper mailbox location and installation method that would help alleviate this concern. Placing the mailbox on a long, swinging, horizontal pipe is one method often used to avoid damage by snowplows.

10. **Concern:**

Customers were concerned about vandalism of their mail box.

Response:

Some advantages of the proposal are:

1. The rural or contract delivery carrier may provide retail services, alleviating the need to go to the post office. Stamps by Mail order forms are provided for customer convenience.
2. Customers opting for carrier service will have 24-hour access to their mail.
3. Savings for the Postal Service contribute in the long run to stable postage rates and savings for customers.
4. CBUs can offer the security of individually locked mail compartments. Parcel lockers provide convenient parcel delivery for customers.
5. Customers opting for carrier service will not have to pay post office box fees.
6. Saves time and energy for customers who drive to the post office to pick up mail.

Some disadvantages of the proposal are:

1. The loss of a retail outlet and a postmaster position in the community. Retail services may be provided by the rural or contract delivery carrier.
2. Meeting the rural or contract delivery carrier at the box to transact business. However, it is not necessary to be present to conduct most Postal Service transactions.
3. A change in the mailing address. The community name will continue to be used in the new address. A carrier route address will be assigned.

Taking all available information into consideration, the Postal Service concludes this proposal will provide a maximum degree of effective and regular postal services to the community.

II. EFFECT ON COMMUNITY

Sattley is an unincorporated community located in SIERRA County. The community is administered politically by Sierra County. Police protection is provided by the Sierra County Sheriff Office. Fire protection is provided by the Calpine Volunteer Fire Department. The community is comprised of retired, self employed, forest service, loggers, ranchers, and those who commute to work at nearby communities and work in local businesses.

Businesses and organizations include: Sierra County Waterworks Citizens Allianz for Property Rights Calpine Improvement Association Calpine Fire Department Sierra County Fire Safe Council , Premo Construction The Gold Rush Gallery Sierra Valley Trading Company Chapmans Sharp Crosscut Saws McDonald Enterprises Wild Hair Wedding Sierra Valley Lodge Sierra County Prospects Driscoll Construction Alpine Concrete & Pumping Butler Construction Nevasoft Inc Babs Roder Craft and Gift Store . Residents may travel to nearby communities for other supplies and services.

Nonpostal services provided at the Sattley Post Office will be available at the Clio Post Office. Government forms normally provided by the Post Office will also be available at the Clio Post Office or by contacting your local government agency.

The following nonpostal concerns were expressed from questionnaires, the community meeting, on the petition, and on the congressional inquiry:

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| 1. Concern: | Customers were concerned about the loss of a gathering place and an information center. |
| Response: | Residents may continue to meet informally, socialize, and share information at the other businesses, churches and residences in town. |
| 2. Concern: | Customers were concerned about growth in the community |
| Response: | The customer expressed a concern about growth in the community. The growth of a community does not depend on the location of a post office. Based on information obtained by the Postal Service, it was determined that there has been minimal growth in the area in recent years. Carrier service will be able to accommodate future growth |
| 3. Concern: | Customers were concerned about senior citizens |
| Response: | The customer expressed a concern about senior citizens. Carrier service is beneficial to many senior citizens and those who face special challenges because the carrier can provide delivery and retail services to Customers do not have to make a special trip to the post office for service. Special provisions are made for hardship cases or special customer needs. To request an exception for hardship delivery, customers may contact the administrative postmaster for more information. |
| 4. Concern: | You were concerned about having to travel to another post office for service |

Response:

The customer expressed a concern about having to travel to another post office for service. Services provided at the post office will be available from the carrier, and customers will not have to travel to another post office for service. Most transactions do not require meeting the carrier at the mailbox. Stamps by Mail and Money Order Application forms are available for customer convenience.

Based on the information obtained in the course of this discontinuance study, the Postal Service concludes this proposal will not adversely affect the community.

III. EFFECT ON EMPLOYEES

The postmaster position became vacant when the postmaster retired on July 01, 2009. The noncareer postmaster relief (PMR) may be separated from the Postal Service. No other Postal Service employee will be adversely affected. Since the postmaster vacancy an OIC has been installed to operate the office.

IV. ECONOMIC SAVINGS

The Postal Service estimates an annual savings of \$ 55,908 with a breakdown as follows:

Postmaster Salary (EAS-11, No COLA)	\$ 32,890
Fringe Benefits @ 33.5%	\$ 11,018
Annual Lease Costs	<u>+ \$ 12,000</u>
Total Annual Costs	\$ 55,908
Less Annual Cost of Replacement Service	<u>- \$ 0</u>
Total Annual Savings	<u>\$ 55,908</u>

V. OTHER FACTORS

The Postal Service has identified no other factors for consideration.

VI. SUMMARY

The Postal Service is proposing to close the Sattley, CA Post Office and provide delivery and retail services by highway contract route service under the administrative responsibility of the Clio Post Office, located 13 miles away.

The postmaster retired on July 01, 2009. If the office has a noncareer PMR(s), they may be separated from the Postal Service; however, attempts will be made to reassign the employee(s) to a nearby facility. No other employee(s) will be adversely affected. Post office workload has declined. Effective and regular service will continue to be provided by highway contract route service.

The Sattley Post Office provided delivery and retail service to 165 PO Box or general delivery customers and 18 delivery route customers. The daily retail window transactions averaged 26. There are one permit mailers or postage meter customers.

There will no longer be a retail outlet in the community. However, delivery and retail services may be available from a rural or contract delivery carrier, which could alleviate the need to travel to a post office for service. The Postal Service will save an estimated \$55,908 annually. A disadvantage to some may be in meeting the rural or contract delivery carrier to transact business. However, it is not necessary to be present to conduct most Postal Service transactions with a rural or contract delivery carrier.

Taking all available information into consideration, the Postal Service has determined that the advantages outweigh the disadvantages and this proposal is warranted.

VII. NOTICES

- A. Support Materials. Copies of all materials upon which this proposal is based are available for public inspection at the Clio Post Office during normal office hours.
- B. This is a proposal. It is not a final determination to close this post office. If a final determination is made to close this post office, after public comments on this proposal are received and taken into account, a notice of that final determination will be posted in this office.

The final determination will contain instructions on how affected customers may appeal that decision to the Postal Regulatory Commission. Any such appeal must be received by the commission within 30 days of the posting of the final determination.



RENEE BROWN
Manager, Post Office Operations

06/29/2011
Date

Input 8/30/11

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Optional Comment Form

Following are comments I wish to make concerning the proposed discontinuance of the SATTLEY Post Office.

1. **Effect on Your Postal Services.** Describe any favorable or unfavorable effects you believe the proposal would have on the regularity or effectiveness of your postal services.

Loosing the post office would be devastating -- it would mean having to drive daily to Sierraville, which is a 16 mile trip at a prohibitive expense for all of us in Calpine. The cost per day would be at least \$3.00

2. **Effect on Your Community.** Please describe any favorable or unfavorable effects that you believe the proposal would have on your community.

The post office is the hub of our community -- take it away and we have nothing left.

3. **Other Comments.** Please provide any other views or information that you believe the Postal Service should consider in deciding whether to adopt the proposal.

If you must cut costs - do so by illiminating from the top down. This could be done without making rural communities suffer. It seems to me there has to be mis-manage-

Robert Burrelle

Robert Burrelle

Name of Postal Customer

Signature of Postal Customer

P.O. Box 156

Mailing Address

Calpine, Ca

City, State, and ZIP Code

96124

July 8, 2011

Date

considering the high priority a stamp!!
went with the high priority a stamp!!

Optional Comment Form

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Following are comments I wish to make concerning the proposed discontinuance of the SATTLEY Post Office.

1. **Effect on Your Postal Services.** Describe any favorable or unfavorable effects you believe the proposal would have on the regularity or effectiveness of your postal services.

We live so far away that it will be hard for us to mail packages, buy stamps get packages, money orders. All the things that our post office provided. We will have to make special trips into town. Which takes time and money. A long ways away.

2. **Effect on Your Community.** Please describe any favorable or unfavorable effects that you believe the proposal would have on your community.

We will be unable to check our mail in the post office, be unable to send thing back to sender, send bills that need to be send over night or 3 day mail. Some people don't drive this is a "Senior Citizen" Town we need this post office.

3. **Other Comments.** Please provide any other views or information that you believe the Postal Service should consider in deciding whether to adopt the proposal.

We live in the country, where it is beautiful and the woods. Those big black metal mail boxes are very ugly and out of character for this town.

Kimi Sue Atter

Name of Postal Customer

Signature of Postal Customer

P.O. Box 16

Mailing Address

Calpine CA. 96124

City, State, and ZIP Code

7-10-11

Date

Optional Comment Form

Following are comments I wish to make concerning the proposed discontinuance of the ~~SATILEY~~ Post Office.

1. **Effect on Your Postal Services.** Describe any favorable or unfavorable effects you believe the proposal would have on the regularity or effectiveness of your postal services.

I use and need my Postoffice every day! Closing it would be a very bad deal

2. **Effect on Your Community.** Please describe any favorable or unfavorable effects that you believe the proposal would have on your community.

The Postoffice is a center for Info. If you close it the community would suffer

3. **Other Comments.** Please provide any other views or information that you believe the Postal Service should consider in deciding whether to adopt the proposal.

all other Postoffices are too far away

Christine Renteria

Name of Postal Customer



Signature of Postal Customer

P.O. Box 62

Mailing Address

Calpine CA

96124

7-6-11

City, State, and ZIP Code

Date

Optional Comment Form

Calpine

Following are comments I wish to make concerning the proposed discontinuance of the SATTLEY Post Office.

1. **Effect on Your Postal Services.** Describe any favorable or unfavorable effects you believe the proposal would have on the regularity or effectiveness of your postal services.

The favorable effect would that I would then pay all my bills online, ship via UPS or Fed Ex exclusively and not provide one penny of income to the U.S. Postal Service. That would save me the enormous gas costs that I would have to incur by driving either to Sierraville or Graeagle, each 15 miles one way from the current CALPINE P.O. Not to mention the danger of having to drive to the P.O. locations during winter or other storms to ship the many registered and insured that I currently mail for my jewelry business... all at Calpine.

2. **Effect on Your Community.** Please describe any favorable or unfavorable effects that you believe the proposal would have on your community.

CALPINE P.O. would have a devastating effect on our community. It would create immediate unemployment for Ginnie, who works at the P.O. Our community can not afford any more unemployed people. The trickle down effect such a closure would create is that the revenue the U.S. P.O. pays to the Calpine Improvement Assoc. (CIA) would mean no additional improvements to our town park, no funding for maintenance of the little league ball field, the new playground or maintenance of the CIA Hall and exercise room. Our travel costs would escalate in an area of already excessive gas costs.

3. **Other Comments.** Please provide any other views or information that you believe the Postal Service should consider in deciding whether to adopt the proposal.

The Post Office (96124) is located in Calpine, NOT SATTLEY. SATTLEY is 3 miles from Calpine. There are approximately a dozen homes in Sattley and no commercial buildings, restaurants, etc. (It is a farming/ranching community). On the other hand, Calpine has street lights, a volunteer fire dept., a restaurant, lodge, commercial lodging and... a post office. It has the only community Hall in the area. The Sattley Post Office closed years ago.

Name of Postal Customer

Ken McMaster

Signature of Postal Customer

Ken McMaster

Mailing Address

P.O. Box 223

7/9/11

City, State, and ZIP Code

Calpine, CA 96124

Date

Perhaps the powers that be do not realize this. The Calpine Post Office is a viable, important resource for our community. The Sattley Post Office has already been discontinued. Please stop this insanity.

Optional Comment Form

Following are comments I wish to make concerning the proposed discontinuance of the SATTLEY Post Office.

1. **Effect on Your Postal Services.** Describe any favorable or unfavorable effects you believe the proposal would have on the regularity or effectiveness of your postal services.
 MY HUSBAND IS 87, I AM 76. WE GET OUR MEDICINES AND MEDICAL SUPPLIES THRU T+MAIL, OUR MEDICINES ESPECIALLY MY HUSBANDS INSULIN CANNOT SET IN A HOT OR COLD MAIL BOX. NOW OUR POSTAL LADY WILL CALL & LET ME KNOW IT IS IN. IF I AM NOT ABLE TO GO GET IT SHE WILL DELIVER IT. I MAIL LOTS OF PACKAGES FOR CHARITY. I NEED SOMEONE TO TELL ME WHAT THE COST WILL BE DEPENDING ON THE MAIL ITEMS WE HAVE TO ORDER AND BUSINESS MAIL.
2. **Effect on Your Community.** Please describe any favorable or unfavorable effects that you believe the proposal would have on your community.
 WE DEPEND ON THE RENT FROM THE POSTAL SERVICE TO HELP PAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY BUILDING. THIS BUILDING SERVES MANY OF OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES AND ORGANIZATIONS. WE FEEL IT WOULD DEVALUE OUR PROPERTIES IF WE DID NOT HAVE A POST OFFICE. SINCE IT IS OUR ONLY LINK TO MANY OUTSIDE SERVICES
3. **Other Comments.** Please provide any other views or information that you believe the Postal Service should consider in deciding whether to adopt the proposal.
 WE HAVE NO STORES OR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IN CALPINE. IT WOULD BE A TREMENDOUS HARDSHIP ON THOSE OF US WHO ARE NOT ALWAYS ABLE TO DRIVE ESPECIALLY IN OUR HARSH WINTERS. WE BEG YOU PLEASE DO NOT CLOSE OUR POST OFFICE

JOHANNA OLSEN

Name of Postal Customer

Signature of Postal Customer

PO BOX 206

Mailing Address

CALPINE CA 96124

City, State, and ZIP Code

8-13-11

Date



08/29/2011

OFFICER-IN-CHARGE/POSTMASTER

SUBJECT: Instructions for Posting the "Notice of Taking Proposal and Comments Under Internal Consideration"

At the close of business on 08/30/2011 take down the "Proposal" and the "Invitation for Comments" from the lobby. Round-date stamp them upon removal and verify that the mandatory 60-day posting period was observed. The proposal and invitation for comments must be posted for at least 60 days, and the first day does not count.

On the same day, prominently post in the lobby the enclosed "Notice of Taking Proposal and Comments Under Internal Consideration." The notice should remain posted until you receive further notice from this office.

Please return the posted "Proposal," "Invitation for Comments," the official record, and any related discontinuance materials to this office.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

LORETTA KIRKPATRICK
Post Office Review Coordinator
1001 SUNSET RD
LAS VEGAS, NV 89199-9998



A. Office

Name: SATTLEY State: CA Zip Code: 96124
Area: WESTERN District: NEVADA-SIERRA PFC
Congressional District: CA-04 County: SIERRA
EAS Grade: 11 Finance Number: 057044
Post Office: ☒ Classified Station ☐ Classified Branch ☐ CPO ☐

This form is a place holder for number 36.

Prepared by: LORETTA KIRKPATRICK
Title: NEVADA-SIERRA PFC Post Office Review Coordinator
Tele No: (702) 361-9204

Date: 09/01/2011
Fax No: (702) 361-9213

**NOTICE OF TAKING PROPOSAL AND COMMENTS
UNDER INTERNAL CONSIDERATION**

Date 08/30/2011

Postal Customers of the Sattley Post Office: The Postal Service appreciates receiving the views of those of you who submitted comments on the proposal to close the Sattley Post Office, which was posted 06/29/2011 through 08/30/2011. These comments will be considered carefully as the matter is reviewed further in my office and at higher levels within the Postal Service.

When a final decision is made by the Postal Service, that decision will be posted in place of this notice. If the decision is to approve the proposal, any customer of the Sattley Post Office who disagrees will have the right to appeal that decision to the Postal Regulatory Commission in Washington, DC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Renee Brown".

RENEE BROWN
1001 SUNSET RD
LAS VEGAS, NV 89199-9998



09/01/2011

ROBERT BURELLE
PO BOX 156
CALPINE, CA 96124

Dear Postal Service Customer:

Thank you for taking the time to submit your comments to the proposal to close the Sattley Post Office. Your comments are appreciated and will be carefully considered, along with the comments of other customers, as the matter is reviewed further in my office and at higher levels of the Postal Service.

In response to your letter:

- You expressed a concern about having to travel to another Post Office for service. Services provided at the Post Office will be available from the carrier, and customers will not have to travel to another Post Office for service. Most transactions do not require meeting the carrier at the mailbox. Stamps by Mail and Money Order Application forms are available for customer convenience. Stamps are also available at many stores and gas stations where customers may already shop, online at usps.com, or by calling 1-800-STAMP-24.

I realize with change there is always concern. However we are confident that the alternate service listed in the proposal will continue to provide you with effective and regular service.

If you have additional questions or comments, please feel free to contact LORETTA KIRKPATRICK at (702) 361-9204.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Renee Brown".

Renee Brown
Manager, Post Office Operations
1001 Sunset Rd
Las Vegas, NV, 89199-9998



09/01/2011

KIMI SUE ATLER
PO BOX 16
CALPINE, CA 96124

Dear Postal Service Customer:

Thank you for taking the time to submit your comments to the proposal to close the Sattley Post Office. Your comments are appreciated and will be carefully considered, along with the comments of other customers, as the matter is reviewed further in my office and at higher levels of the Postal Service.

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Renee Brown
Manager, Post Office Operations
1001 Sunset Rd
Las Vegas, NV, 89199-9998



09/01/2011

CHRISTINE RENTERIA

PO BOX 62
CALPINE, CA 96124

Dear Postal Service Customer:

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In response to your letter:

- You expressed a concern that the Postal Service exhibits a lack of interest in the mailing needs of the community. The Postal Service is required to provide each community with regular and effective service, using the most cost efficient means possible. The proposed alternate delivery service will meet the mailing and service needs of the community in a more cost effective manner.

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Sincerely,

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Renee Brown
Manager, Post Office Operations
1001 Sunset Rd
Las Vegas, NV, 89199-9998



09/01/2011

KEN MCMASTER
PO BOX 223
CALPINE, CA 96124

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Las Vegas, NV, 89199-9998



09/01/2011

JOHANNA OLSEN
PO BOX 206
CALPINE, CA 96124

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Renee Brown
Manager, Post Office Operations
1001 Sunset Rd
Las Vegas, NV, 89199-9998



A. Office

Name: SATTLEY State: CA Zip Code: 96124
Area: WESTERN District: NEVADA-SIERRA PFC
Congressional District: CA-04 County: SIERRA
EAS Grade: 11 Finance Number: 057044
Post Office: ☒ Classified Station ☐ Classified Branch ☐ CPO ☐

This form is a place holder for number 39. There was not a premature appeal received.

Prepared by: LORETTA KIRKPATRICK
Title: NEVADA-SIERRA PFC Post Office Review Coordinator
Tele No: (702) 361-9204

Date: 09/01/2011
Fax No: (702) 361-9213

Analysis of 60-Day Posting Comments

Number of comments returned

Total questionnaires distributed	5
Favorable comments	0
Unfavorable comments	5
No opinion expressed	0
Total comments returned	5

Postal Concerns

The following postal concerns were expressed

1. Concern (UnFavorable):
Customers expressed concern over the apparent lack of interest by the Postal Service for the needs of the community.
Response:
The Postal Service is required to provide each community with regular and effective service, using the most cost efficient means possible. The proposed alternate delivery service will meet the mailing and service needs of the community in a more cost effective manner.
2. Concern (UnFavorable):
Customers were concerned about having to travel to another Post Office for service.
Response:
Services provided at the Post Office will be available from the carrier, and customers will not have to travel to another Post Office for service. Most transactions do not require meeting the carrier at the mailbox. Stamps by Mail and Money Order Application forms are available for customer convenience. Stamps are also available at many stores and gas stations where customers may already shop, online at usps.com, or by calling 1-800-STAMP-24.

Nonpostal Concerns

The following nonpostal concerns were expressed

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09/01/2011

MEMO TO THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Certification of the Record
SATTLEY
Docket Number 1380842 - 96124

This certifies that all comments and documents enclosed in the attached record are originals, or true and correct copies of the originals.

YUL MELONSON
District Manager

LOG OF POST OFFICE DISCONTINUANCE ACTIONS

Office Name, State, ZIP Code:	SATTLEY, CA, 96124-9995
EAS Level:	11
District:	NEVADA-SIERRA PFC
County:	SIERRA
Congressional District:	CA-04
Proposal:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Close <input type="checkbox"/> Consolidate
Reason For Proposed:	retired
Alternate Service Proposed:	Highway Contract Route Service
Customers Affected:	
Post Office Box:	165
General Delivery:	0
Rural Route:	0
Highway Contract Route (HCR):	18
City Route:	0
Intermediate Rural:	0
Intermediate HCR:	0
Total number of customers:	183

Date	Action
	Office suspended. Reason suspended:
	Suspension notice sent to Headquarters.
07/01/2009	Postmaster vacancy occurred. Reason: retired
	OIC: Career: 0 Noncareer: 1 Other Employees: 0
12/16/2010	District manager authorization to study.
	Questionnaires sent to customers. Number sent: 183 Number Returned: 43
04/18/2011	Analysis: Favorable 2 Unfavorable 25 No Opinion 16
06/24/2011	Petition received. Number of signatures: 59
	Concerns expressed: <i>9/11 274 signatures</i>
	Congressional inquiry received: No
	Concerns expressed:
	Proposal and checklist sent to district for review.
06/22/2011	Government Relations and Retail Operations notified by district 10 days before the 60-day posting (PS Form 4920 attached).
	Proposal and invitation for comments posted and round-dated.
	Proposal and invitation for comments removed and round-dated.
	Comment Analysis:
	Favorable 0 Unfavorable 5 No Opinion 0 5
None	Premature PRC appeal received.
	Concerns expressed:
06/24/2011	Updated PS Form 4920 completed (if necessary).
	Certification of the official record.
	District transmittal of official record to vice president, Delivery and Retail, and copy of transmittal letter to vice president, Area Operations.
	Headquarters logged in official record (option entry).
	Record returned to district for additional consideration.
	Record returned as not warranted.
	Final determination posted at affected office(s) and round-dated.
	Final determination removed and round-dated.
	Postal Bulletin Post Office Change Announcement form sent to Headquarters.
	No appeals letter received from Headquarters.
	Appeal to PRC received.
	PRC opinion received on appeal:
	Affirmed: _____ Remanded: _____ USPS Withdrawn: _____
	Address management systems notified to updated AMS report.
	Discontinuance announced in Postal Bulletin No.: _____ Effective date: _____

Review Coordinator/person most familiar with the case:

LORETTA KIRKPATRICK
Name/Title

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District Post Office Review Coordinator

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To Whom It May Concern:

The enclosed petition of 274 signatures opposing the closing of the Sattley (Calpine) Post Office was included in the official record and sent to Postal Headquarters. Attached is a copy of the petition and response letter.



Loretta Kirkpatrick
Manager, Consumer & Industry

September 27, 2011

Postal Customer

This letter is an acknowledgement of receipt of a petition including 274 signatures opposing the closing of the Sattley (Calpine) Post Office.

Final Determination was received yesterday approving the closing of the Sattley (Calpine) Post Office. Enclosed is your appeal rights.

Sincerley,



Loretta Kirkpatrick
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702-361-9204

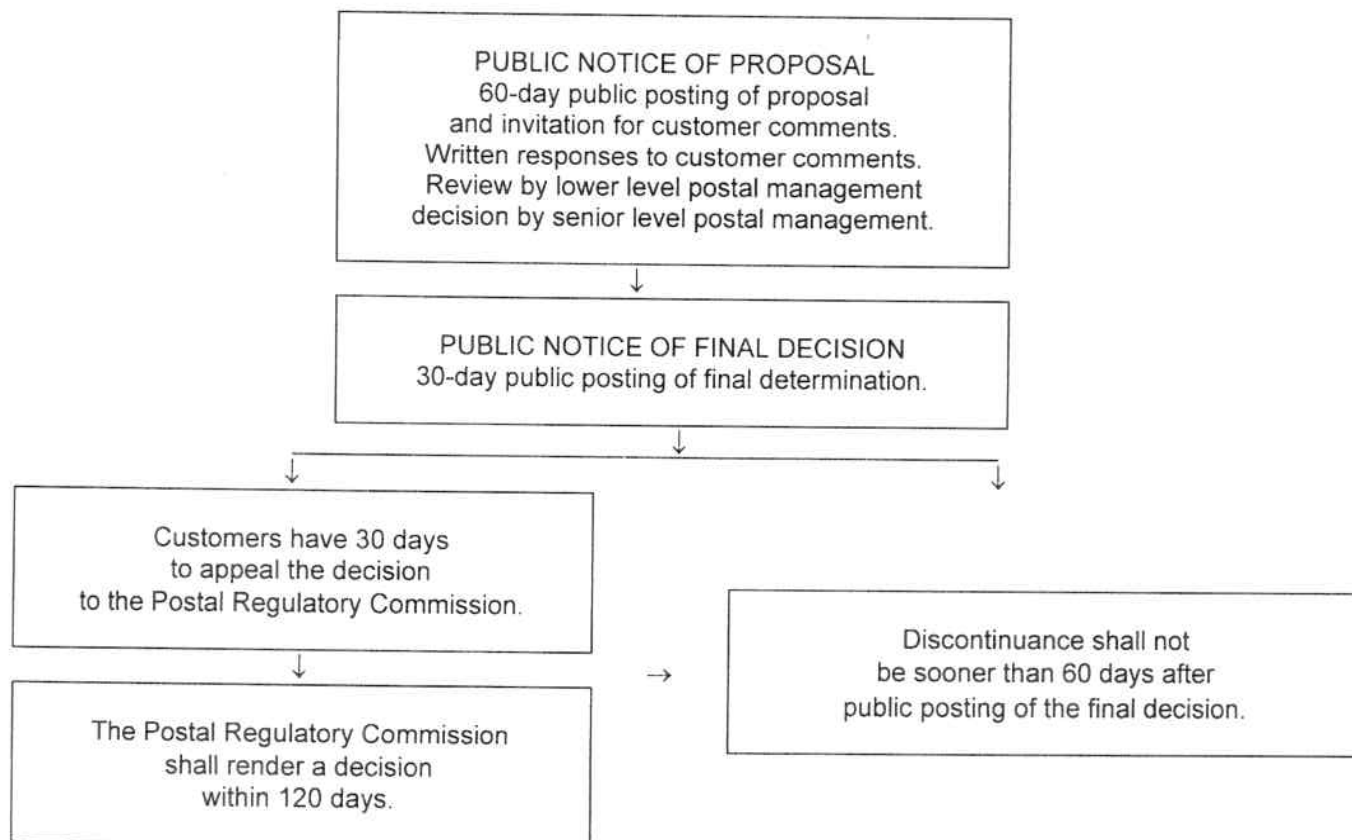
cc: Renee Brown, A/Manager Post Office Operations

SUMMARY OF POST OFFICE CHANGE REGULATIONS

Certain regulations based on federal law apply when postal managers propose to replace a Post Office with an alternate form of postal service. These regulations are designed to ensure that the reasons for proposing such changes in postal service are fully disclosed at a stage when customers can make helpful contributions toward a final decision. The full text of the statutory provisions appears in Title 39, *United States Code*, Section 404(b), while the implementing regulations appear in Title 39, *Code of Federal Regulations*, Part 241.3.

According to implementing regulations, an initial investigation and any subsequent formal proposal to discontinue a Post Office originate with postal field managers responsible for Post Offices in that area. The proposal must explain the services recommended as substitutes and the rationale that supports this recommendation. The written proposal is prominently posted for 60 days at affected Post Offices, along with an "Invitation for Comments," which formally invites customer comments. At the end of the 60-day comment period, additional review is made at lower and upper levels of postal management.

When a final decision is made at Postal Headquarters in Washington, DC, that decision is posted in affected Post Offices for 30 days, during which customers may appeal the decision to the Postal Regulatory Commission in Washington, DC. The Postal Regulatory Commission has 120 days to consider and decide an appeal. Even without an appeal, no Post Office may be closed sooner than 60 days after the public posting of the final decision.



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2. [Signature]	121 CALPINE AVE P.O. Box 300
3. [Signature]	600 main Box 91
4. Donna Allison	106 COATES Box 235
5. [Signature]	98 MAIN Box 40 Calpine
6. [Signature]	1010 Mountain View Rd. Calpine
7. [Signature]	108 COATES P.O. BOX 202 CALPINE
8. [Signature]	319 Coates Ave Calpine 96124
9. [Signature]	Box 91 600 Main St. Calpine CA 96124
10. [Signature]	#255 Hwy 89 Calpine 96124
11. Janet Drummond	P.O. Box 37 Calpine, CA 96124
12. Kimberly Butler	Box 87 Calpine Ca 96124
13. Debbie Haas	P.O. Box 234 CALPINE CA 96124
14. Crystal Arbogast	P.O. BOX 234 Calpine CA 96124
15. [Signature]	103 Calpine CA 96124
16. [Signature]	58 1/2 B Street Calpine 96124
17. Johanna Olsen	402 Main St Calpine 96124
18. Thomas Olsen	402 main St Calpine 96124
19. [Signature]	SUNT. HWY 89 + 19 SATLEY 96124
20. STEPHEN LAKE	119 CALPINE AVE CALPINE 96124

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3. Valerie Maher	P.O. Box 84
4. Lisa Tuggle	P.O. Box 160
5. Fred Huffer	P.O. Box 126
6. Grace Griffin	P.O. Box 126
7. Kathleen Smith	P.O. Box 201
8. Melissa Kolb	Box 176
9. Van Maddox	Box 236
10. Phil Bitt	Box 11
11. Dennis Smith	Box 240
12. Bob Benelle	Box 156
13. CITIZEN'S ALLIANCE FOR PROPERTY RIGHTS	Box 32
14. Jack Eady	P.O. Box 8
15. Anne Tallat	P.O. Box 117
16. Kathy Kirkpatrick	P.O. Box 36
17. GREG Proulx	P.O. Box 172
18. Vic Bruckner	P.O. Box 232
19. Sally Bruckner	P.O. Box 232
20. Dennis Smith	Box 55

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2. Sherry Kaye Halverson PO Box 77 Portola CA 96122
3. Paul Keith Halverson P.O. Box 77 Portola CA 96122
4. Hilda Eile PO Box 24, Calpine
5. Jim Eile PO Box 24 Calpine
6. A. S. Shogren 84811 Hwy 70, Beckwourth, Ca
7. G. F. Wolf 105 PAINTED TR. GRAEGLE
8. RT Schenck PO Box 1 GRAEGLE, CA 96103
9. Beverly A. Mitchell PO Box 9 Calpine, CA 96124
10. Harlene Knoch P.O. Box 367 Graegle, CA 96103
11. Carde Phillips 9485 Freeman Wy Reno, NV 89505
12. Bob Wolf POB 1443, Graegle, CA 96103
13. Banner Segoria P.O. Box 266 CLIO, CA 96106
14. STEVE SEGORIA P.O. Box 266 CLIO, CA 96106
15. George Johna POBX 246 STERRAVILLE, CA. 96126
16. James Rhyto 60453 Old Mill Pond Rd, Cromberg 96103
17. Thomas A. Dotla 63501 Highway 49 Loyalton CA 96118
18. Linda Butler POB 30064, Cromberg CA 96103
19. J Scott Carter P.O. Box 1469 Graegle, Ca 96103
20. Susa Corall P.O. Box 1469 Graegle CA 96103

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2. Petie Cimini Carr Patricia	10 Edelweiss Dr Loyalton, Ca - 96118
3. Olivia M. McCaffrey	404 Old Truckee Rd. Sierraville, CA 96126
4. Jason Torri	101 Strongman Rd, Sierraville, 96126
5. Mary Emini	P.O. Box 290 Sierra City, CA 96125
6. Gail M. Ellingwood	P.O. Box 92 Loyalton, CA 96118
7. Marilyn R. Hillaker	P.O. Box 176, Loyalton, CA 96118
8. Annie Guntor	P.O. Box 416 Loyalton CA 96118
9. Ann M. Tinas as	P.O. Box 801, 96118
10. Gay W. Funder	P.O. Box 801, 96118
11. Jane R. Oll	PO 9413 95910
12. James C. Eberly	P.O. Box 777 96118
13. Brooks Miller	Box 95 Loyalton, CA 96118
14. Ann Emini	Box 417 Loyalton CA 96118
15. Ruth Fair	Box 646 Loyalton CA 96118
16. Mark Wagon	Box 430 Loyalton, CA 96118
17. Mark Wagon	Box 931 Loyalton CA.
18. Mark Wagon	PO Box 321, Loyalton, CA 96118
19. Charles S. Buck	PO Box 38 Loyalton, CA 96118
20. Cindy Simpson	P.O. Box 292 Loyalton, CA 96118

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2. Lynn Stewart	Box 55, Calpine
3. R. Turner	Box 8 Sattley, Ca 96124
4. Peggy Weise	202 Coates Ave Calpine
5. Linda Sigler	208 Main St. Calpine
6. Oliver	#9 Mendocino Court - 102 COATES AVE CALPINE, P.O. BOX 13 CALPINE
7. Gut Fun	
8. Barbara Martell	305 Coates Calpine
9. Kathi Bertagnoli	21040 Hwy. 89, Sattley PO Box 61 Calpine
10. Sami Wise	100 Sierra Dr., Calpine
11. Sandra Hutchings	P.O. Box 85, Calpine
12. Judith Conrad	P.O. Box Seaville?
13. Jim	P.O. Box 143 Calpine CA 96124
14. Vincent DeMark	PO Box 18 CALPINE CA 96124
15. Allison & Duby's	PO Box 235 Calpine CA 96124
16. Sandra K. Kendall	100 Dirt Road Sattley 96124
17. Mike Anselmi	P.O. Box 65
18. Russ & Kathy Kirkpatrick	P.O. Box 36 Calpine
19. Russell & Nancy Rosewood	P.O. Box 251 Calpine
20. Marjorie Voorhees	PO Box 42 Calpine

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5. [Signature]	PO Box E Sattley Ca 96124
6. [Signature]	P.O. Box 64 " " "
7. Fallon Stover	PO BOX 8 sattley CA 96124
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9. JAY HUEBERT	Box 266 SIERRAVILLE, CA 96126
10. [Signature]	Box 266 SIERRAVILLE, CA 96126
11. Adrienne Mackey	Clark Station, Calpine, CA
12. [Signature]	P.O. Box 164 Calpine, CA
13. Carolyn Denden	P.O. Box 154 Calpine, CA
14. HENNER CROSE	PO Box 113 Calpine CA 96124
15. Jennifer Kennedy	PO Box 67, Calpine
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17. [Signature]	328 MAIN ST.
18. [Signature]	Box 7 Sattley
19. Kathryn Chase	Box 66 CALPINE, CA 96124
20. Steve Buse	Box 66 CALPINE

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2. Madeline Shady	378 Shasta Tr. Graeagle 96107
3. Kristal W. Blumstein	935 Smith Creek Rd, Graeagle 96103
4. Margie S. Clarkson	935 Smith Creek Rd. Graeagle, 96103
5. Susan Frost	779 West St. Portola, CA 96122
6. Janice W. Buck	506 Beckwith Canyon CA 96118
7. [Signature]	101 Mountain View Calpine, CA 96125
8. [Signature]	218 Fox Tail Ln Cl'io CA 96106
9. Douglas E. Paul	216 W Wilbur, Simeville Ca 96126
10. Diane Nijord	298 Falling Water Cl'io CA 96106
11. Sigi Brakken	10 Sugar Pine Dr. Blairsden, CA 96103
12. Doris Guerant	36 Totowa Trail Graeagle, CA 96103
13. Inez Boore	13 Hughson Tr. Graeagle 96103
14. Ann Plummer Bullard	1795, Portola, CA 96122
15. Markene Nelson	6182, 61 Totowa Tr., Graeagle, CA 96103
16. Yvonne Telleschi	406 Lundy Ln Blairsden 96103
17. Gwen Mansbridge	PO Box 224 Blairsden 96103
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5. <u>[Signature]</u>	" " " "
6. <u>E. M. Vandy</u>	910 Sierra Plumb Canelo
7. <u>J. W. Vandy</u>	910 Sierra Plumb - Portola
8. <u>K. Gorman</u>	238 Red Sky, Cho
9. <u>Brenda Ann</u>	#10 Edelwein Dr. Loyalton
10. <u>P. L. Moore</u>	P.O. Box 47 Chilcoot, CA
11. <u>David Lake</u>	1655 Rocky Pt Rd, PORTOLA CA ⁹⁶¹²²
12. <u>Tony Swafford</u>	48th Spruce Ave Portola CA. 96122
13. <u>Gail M. Glynwood</u>	P.O. Box 928 Loyalton, CA 96118
14. <u>Charles G. Ran</u>	Box 28 Clis, Ca. 96106
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16. <u>Patricia Parsons</u>	84871 Hwy 70 Siskiyou
17. <u>Phyllis K. Whittaker</u>	P.O. Box 176 Loyalton, CA 96118
18. <u>Joan M. Silver</u>	P.O. Box 67 Loyalton Ca 96118
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2. Jessica King	149 Cherokee Village Dr. Ball Ground GA 30107
3. Michelle Padgett	2327 Henry Scott Rd. Ball Ground GA 30107
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5. Louise Mollison	21640 Hwy 89 - CA - 96124
6. Chris Mollison	121 CALPINE AVE, 96124
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8. Arthur F Mollison	21640 Hwy 89 96124
9. June Mollison	22720 Hwy 89 96124
10. Gerald Mollison	22720 Hwy 89 96124
11. Chris Mollison	118 Calpine Ave 96124
12. Chris Mollison	113 MTH VIEW 96124
13. Bob Rogers	115 Mt View 96124 Calpine
14. Chris Mollison	160 Calpine Rd 96124
15. Nancy Harnett	160 Calpine Rd 96124
16. Chris Mollison	103 Calpine Rd 96124
17. Chris Mollison	20603 Hwy 89 96124
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20. Stacy Boyce	10943 Loch Lomond Dr. Whittier, CA 90604

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5. <u>Nancy Rosewood</u>	PO Box 251 Calpine, CA 96124
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8. <u>CATHY RAIL</u>	1490 EXETER WY RENO 89503
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11. <u>Julie Della</u>	63501 Hwy 49 Loyalton 96118
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2. Mary Greenwood	3005 Lakeview Pl, Ruston LA 71270
3. P. Greenwood	5428, Harrison St., Kansas City, MO 64110
4. Mark Glass	46210 Hwy 49 Sattley CA
5. Mark McCullah	46212 Hwy 49 Sattley CA.
6. Colleen Haffin	66 Meadow Ranch Rd., Calpine, CA 96124
7. T. GONZALES	318 MAIN ST. CALPINE CA. 96124
8. Katherine M. Bradley	180 Calpine Rd, Calpine, CA
9. Jean Armstrong	45811 Hwy 49, Sattley, CA
10. Jess Feltz	P.O. box 158 Calpine CA
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| 1. <u>Melgall</u> | <u>P.O. Box 214, GRAEAGLE, CA</u> |
| 2. <u>Jane Gross</u> | <u>P.O. Box 474 Graeagle, Ca 96103</u> |
| 3. <u>Dick Lunny</u> | <u>#1 WAPPO GRAEAGLE CA 96103</u> |
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1. Virginia Butler	PO Box 87 Calpine Ca, 96124
2. Virginia Carrasco	Box 515 Calpine 96124
3. Alexandra Crowder	P.O. 21 Box 21 Calpine 96124
4. Anthony Manning	PO Box 56 Calpine CA 96124
5. Mary Jo Smith	PO Box 56 Calpine CA 96124
6. Elizabeth Murphy	PO Box 214 Calpine, CA 96124
7. Diamond Crowder	P.O. Box 21 Calpine CA 96124
8. Julia Crowder	P.O. Box 21 Calpine 96124
9. Michael Estrada	P.O. Box 166 Calpine, CA 96124
10. Stacy M Estrada	P.O. Box 166 Calpine CA 96124
11. Marlene Briggs	PO Box 226 Calpine CA 96124
12. Nicki Pastore	P.O. Box 226 Calpine CA 96124
13. Ken McMaster	P.O. Box 223 Calpine, CA. 96124
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15. Ken McMaster	Box 223 Calpine CA 96124
16. James M. Murphy	PO Box 214 Calpine, Ca. 96124
17. Carol B.	PO Box 226 Calpine, CA 96124
18. Bob B.	PO Box 87 CALPINE CA 96124
19. Gabe Priemo	PO Box 172 CALPINE CA 96124
20. Amber Priemo	PO Box 54 CALPINE CA 96124

Notice

CALIF. 96124-9998 CA
Date of Posting: 09/26/2011

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Date of Removal: 10/28/2011



FINAL DETERMINATION TO CLOSE
THE SATTLEY, CA POST OFFICE
AND EXTEND
SERVICE BY HIGHWAY CONTRACT ROUTE SERVICE

*Still
posted
due to
appeal*

DOCKET NUMBER 1380842 - 96124

I. RESPONSIVENESS TO COMMUNITY POSTAL NEEDS

The Postal Service is issuing the final determination to close the Sattley, CA Post Office and provide delivery and retail services by highway contract route service under the administrative responsibility of the Clio Post Office, located 13 miles away.

The postmaster position became vacant when the postmaster retired on July 01, 2009. Since the postmaster vacancy an OIC has been installed to operate the office. Postmaster level and office service hours are determined by a workload analysis which includes the number of deliveries and revenue.

The office was studied for possible closing or consolidation due to the following reasons: Decline in mail volume. We will continue to provide effective service through the Sierraville Main Post Office.

The Sattley Post Office, an EAS-11 level, provides service from 08:30 - 11:30 - 12:00 - 17:00 Monday - Friday, Closed Saturday and lobby hours of 24/7 on Monday - Friday and 24/7 on Saturday to 165 post office box or general delivery customers and 18 delivery customers. Retail services included the sale of stamps, stamped paper, and money orders; special services such as Registered Mail, Certified Mail, Insured Mail, COD Mail, and Express Mail services; and the acceptance and dispatch of all classes of mail.

The retail window averaged 26 transaction(s) accounting for 32 minute(s) of retail workload daily. With minimal workload, the Postal Service feels that effective and regular service will be provided by highway contract route service. Office receipts for the last 3 years were: \$21,187 (55 revenue units) in FY 2008; \$23,233 (61 revenue units) in FY 2009; and \$22,097 (58 revenue units) in FY 2010. There were one permit mailer(s) or postage meter customer(s).

On May 05, 2011, representatives from the Postal Service were available at the Sattley Post Office to answer questions and provide information to customers. 72 customer(s) attended the meeting.

On April 18, 2011, 183 questionnaires were distributed to delivery customers of the Sattley Post Office. Questionnaires were also available over the counter for retail customers at the Sattley Post Office. 43 questionnaires were returned. Responses regarding the proposed alternate service were as follows: 2 favorable, 25 unfavorable, and 16 expressed no opinion.

A petition supporting the retention of the Sattley Post Office was received on June 24, 2011, with 59 signatures.

When this final determination is implemented, delivery and retail services will be provided by the Clio Post Office, an EAS-13 level office. Window service hours at the Clio Post Office are from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday, and 9:30 am to 11:30 pm on Saturday. There are 182 post office boxes available.

The proposal to close the Sattley Post Office was posted with an invitation for comment at the Sattley Post Office and Clio Post Office from June 29, 2011 to August 30, 2011. The following additional concerns were received during the proposal posting period:

1. **Concern:** Customers expressed concern over the apparent lack of interest by the Postal Service for the needs of the community.

Response: The Postal Service is required to provide each community with regular and effective service, using the most cost efficient means possible. The proposed alternate delivery service will meet the mailing and service needs of the community in a more cost effective manner.
2. **Concern:** Customers expressed concern over the dependability of rural route service.

Response: Rural letter carriers perform a vital function in the United States Postal Service serving thousands of families and businesses in rural and suburban areas while traveling millions of miles daily. Rural letter carriers are highly respected by the American public. This respect has been earned by many years of dedication to the Postal Service and to postal customers. During national and local emergencies, including prolonged periods of extreme weather conditions, rural carriers have demonstrated great responsibility in providing mail service to postal customers. Rural carriers are required to serve the route expeditiously each day.
3. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about having to travel to another post office for service.

Response: The customer expressed a concern about having to travel to another post office for service. Services provided at the post office will be available from the carrier, and customers will not have to travel to another post office for service. Most transactions do not require meeting the carrier at the mailbox. Stamps by Mail and Money Order Application forms are available for customer convenience.

4. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about having to travel to another Post Office for service.
- Response:** Services provided at the Post Office will be available from the carrier, and customers will not have to travel to another Post Office for service. Most transactions do not require meeting the carrier at the mailbox. Stamps by Mail and Money Order Application forms are available for customer convenience. Stamps are also available at many stores and gas stations where customers may already shop, online at usps.com, or by calling 1-800-STAMP-24.
5. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about obtaining services from the carrier.
- Response:** The rural carrier provides all the services that are available at the Post Office with the exception of PO Box service and bulk mail acceptance. This includes stamp sales, package pick up, special services and money order sales.
6. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about senior citizens.
- Response:** Carrier service is beneficial to many senior citizens and those who face special challenges because the carrier can provide delivery and retail services to roadside mailboxes or Centralized Box Units. Customers do not have to make a special trip to the Post Office for service. Special provisions are made for hardship cases or special customer needs. To request an exception for hardship delivery, customers may contact the administrative postmaster for more information.
7. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about a change of address.
- Response:** The customer expressed a concern about a change in address. Customers will be assigned a 911 address. The new address will continue to use the community name and ZIP Code. Mail will be forwarded in accordance with postal regulations, and change of address forms are available from the Postal Service to assist customers in notifying correspondents of the change.
8. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about mail security.
- Response:** The customer expressed a concern about the security of mail. Customers may place a lock on their mailboxes. The mailbox must have a slot large enough to accommodate the customer's normal daily mail volume. The Postal Service does not open mailboxes which are locked and does not accept keys for this purpose.
9. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about the mailboxes being damaged by snowplows.
- Response:** The customer expressed a concern about the mailboxes being damaged by snowplows. Please contact the administrative postmaster to determine the proper mailbox location and installation method that would help alleviate this concern. Placing the mailbox on a long, swinging, horizontal pipe is one method often used to avoid damage by snowplows.
10. **Concern:** Customers were concerned about vandalism of their mail box.
- Response:**

Some advantages of the proposal are:

1. The rural and contract carriers may provide retail services, alleviating the need to go to the post office. Stamps by Mail order forms are provided for customer convenience.
2. Customers opting for carrier service will have 24-hour access to their mail.
3. Savings for the Postal Service contribute in the long run to stable postage rates and savings for customers.
4. CBUs can offer the security of individually locked mail compartments. Parcel lockers provide convenient parcel delivery for customers.
5. Customers opting for carrier service will not have to pay post office box fees.
6. Saves time and energy for customers who drive to the post office to pick up mail.

Some disadvantages of the proposal are:

1. The loss of a retail outlet. Retail services may be provided by the rural or contract delivery carrier.
2. Meeting the rural or contract delivery carrier at the box to transact business. However, it is not necessary to be present to conduct most Postal Service transactions.
3. A change in the mailing address. The community name will continue to be used in the new address. A carrier route address will be assigned.

Taking all available information into consideration, the Postal Service concludes this final determination will provide a maximum degree of effective and regular postal services to the community.

II. EFFECT ON COMMUNITY

Sattley is an unincorporated community located in SIERRA County. The community is administered politically by Sierra County. Police protection is provided by the Sierra County Sheriff Office. Fire protection is provided by the Calpine Volunteer Fire Department. The community is comprised of retired, self employed, forest service, loggers, ranchers and those who commute to work at nearby communities and may work in local businesses.

Businesses and organizations include: Sierra County Waterworks Citizens Allianz for Property Rights Calpine Improvement Association Calpine Fire Department Sierra County Fire Safe Council , Premo Construction The Gold Rush Gallery Sierra Valley Trading Company Chapmans Sharp Crosscut Saws McDonald Enterprises Wild Hair Wedding Sierra Valley Lodge Sierra County Prospects Driscoll Construction Alpine Concrete & Pumping Butler Construction Nevasoft Inc Babs Roder Craft and Gift Store . Residents may travel to nearby communities for other supplies and services.

Nonpostal services provided at the Sattley Post Office will be available at the Clio Post Office. Government forms normally provided by the Post Office will also be available at the Clio Post Office or by contacting your local government agency.

The following nonpostal concerns were expressed from questionnaires, the community meeting, on the petition, and on the congressional inquiry:

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| 1. Concern: | Customers were concerned about the loss of a gathering place and an information center. |
| Response: | Residents may continue to meet informally, socialize, and share information at the other businesses, churches and residences in town. |
| 2. Concern: | Customers were concerned about growth in the community |
| Response: | The customer expressed a concern about growth in the community. The growth of a community does not depend on the location of a post office. Based on information obtained by the Postal Service, it was determined that there has been minimal growth in the area in recent years. Carrier service will be able to accommodate future growth |
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Based on the information obtained in the course of this discontinuance study, the Postal Service concludes this final determination will not adversely affect the community.

III. EFFECT ON EMPLOYEES

The postmaster position became vacant when the postmaster retired on July 01, 2009. The noncareer postmaster relief (PMR) may be separated from the Postal Service. No other Postal Service employee will be adversely affected. Since the postmaster vacancy an OIC has been installed to operate the office.

IV. ECONOMIC SAVINGS

The Postal Service estimates an annual savings of \$ 55,908 with a breakdown as follows:

Postmaster Salary (EAS-11, No COLA)	\$ 32,890
Fringe Benefits @ 33.5%	\$ 11,018
Annual Lease Costs	<u>+ \$ 12,000</u>
Total Annual Costs	\$ 55,908
Less Annual Cost of Replacement Service	<u>- \$ 0</u>
Total Annual Savings	<u>\$ 55,908</u>

V. OTHER FACTORS

The Postal Service has identified no other factors for consideration.

VI. SUMMARY

This is the final determination to close the Sattley, CA Post Office and provide delivery and retail services by highway contract route service under the administrative responsibility of the Clio Post Office, located 13 miles away.

The postmaster retired on July 01, 2009. If the office has a noncareer PMR(s), they may be separated from the Postal Service; however, attempts will be made to reassign the employee(s) to a nearby facility. No other employee(s) will be adversely affected. The workload has declined. Effective and regular service will continue to be provided by highway contract route service.

The Sattley Post Office provided delivery and retail service to 165 PO Box or general delivery customers and 18 delivery route customers. The daily retail window transactions averaged 26. There are one permit mailers or postage meter customers.

There will no longer be a retail outlet in the community. However, delivery and retail services may be available from a rural or contract delivery carrier, which could alleviate the need to travel to a Post Office for service. The Postal Service will save an estimated \$55,908 annually. A disadvantage to some will be in meeting the rural or contract delivery carrier to transact business. However, it is not necessary to be present to conduct most Postal Service transactions with rural or contract delivery carrier.

Taking all available information into consideration, the Postal Service has determined that the advantages outweigh the disadvantages and this final determination is warranted.

VII. NOTICES

- A. Support Materials. Copies of all materials upon which this final determination is based are available for public inspection at the Sattley Post Office and Clio Post Office during normal office hours.
- B. Appeal Rights. This final determination to close the Sattley Post Office may be appealed by any person served by that office to the Postal Regulatory Commission at 901 New York Ave NW, Suite 200, Washington DC 20268-0001. Appeals must be received by the Commission within 30 days of the date this final determination is posted. If an appeal is filed, copies of appeal documents prepared by the Postal Regulatory Commission or the parties to the appeal will be made available for public inspection at Sattley Post Office and Clio Post Office during normal office hours.



Dean J Granholm
Vice President of Delivery and Post Office Operations

09/26/2011

Date